

6 May 1959

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Testimony of Petr S. Deriabin before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee**

1. At 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 5 May 1959, Mr. Deriabin, accompanied by [redacted] appeared in executive session before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee to describe to the Subcommittee his knowledge of the Soviet persecution of religious leaders and churches in the Soviet Union.

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2. The only Senator present was Senator Thomas J. Dodd (D., Conn.), Vice Chairman of the Subcommittee. Senator Dodd swore in Mr. Deriabin and remained for approximately one hour at which time it was necessary for him to go to the Senate floor for a roll call vote on the nomination of Potter Stewart. Others in attendance from the Subcommittee staff were: Jay Sourwine, Counsel; Ben Mandel, Staff Director; Robert McManus, Investigations Analyst; William McManus, Research Assistant; Frank Schroeder, Chief Investigator; and Patrick Glover, Staff Member. Mr. Milton Eisenberg, Administrative Assistant to Senator Keating, attended the latter part of the hearing. The shorthand reporter was from Ward and Paul.

3. The hearing went extremely well and lasted for approximately two hours. Mr. Deriabin was permitted to speak as he wished and only occasionally did Mr. Sourwine interrupt to clarify some of his (Deriabin's) remarks. Mr. Sourwine was extremely patient and very courteous to Mr. Deriabin during the course of the testimony. Occasional questions were given to Mr. Sourwine by Ben Mandel. Except for these instances the staff members present listened and raised no questions.

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4. At the end of the hearing Mr. Sourwine said he would provide us with copies of the transcript as soon as they were available. He said no statement would be issued until we had an opportunity to go over the transcript and make corrections. He said we should take whatever liberties we wished with the transcript and if there were any statements which we felt should not remain in the published hearings, we should feel free to delete them. Upon leaving the hearing room,

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Assistant to the Legislative Counsel

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